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Mr. William J. Casey, President  
Veterans of the U.S.S.  
Two Wall Street  
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Casey:

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 May  
inviting me to attend the dinner at the Waldorf-  
Astoria that the Veterans of U.S.S. are giving  
David Bruce on 16 June.

Much as I would like to join you, I am planning  
to be out of the country on that date and, therefore,  
must regretfully decline your invitation. However,  
your thoughtfulness in asking me to be with you on  
this occasion is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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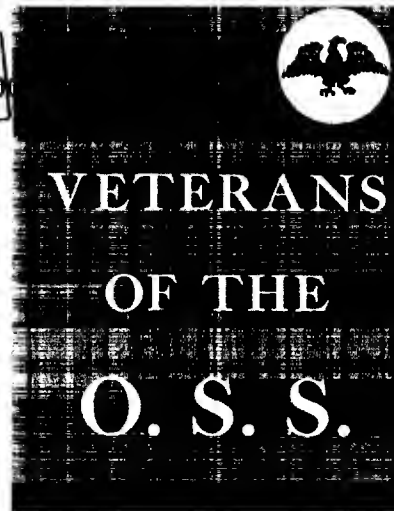
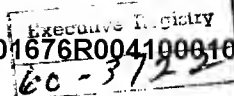
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Dear *Mr. Muller:-*

On June 16, the Veterans of O.S.S. are giving a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria for David Bruce, our distinguished fellow alumnus who recently returned to the United States after his tour of duty as Ambassador to West Germany. David tells us that he has retired. This is the third time he has retired and we hope not the last.

On this occasion, he has consented to share with us the observations he has made about intelligence and diplomacy during his varied service as commanding officer of O.S.S. in the Eisenhower theatre of war, as Assistant Secretary of Commerce, as chief of the Marshall Plan mission to France, as Ambassador to France, as Under Secretary of State and, just recently, as Ambassador to West Germany.

I should tell you that we are hoping this function will serve a double purpose. In addition to providing us with an opportunity to see and hear David Bruce, we are borrowing his popularity in the hope that this will be the first of a series of annual O.S.S. dinners at which we can honor a distinguished alumnus and have a regular occasion for a full gathering of the O.S.S. clan from all over the country and even abroad. We would especially like to see a lot of our old friends from out of New York on this occasion.


When Henry Hyde was President of the Veterans of O.S.S., it was his idea that all of the local chapters -- New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles -- should

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be merged into one national organization. This was done. The officers of this organization are about to commence the publication of a sporadic newsletter designed to keep us all in better touch with each other's activities, and we hope that many of those from out of town will be able to join in an annual dinner. David Bruce's consent to be the guest of honor assures the success of this first dinner and I would urge you to get your reservations in promptly.

Yours sincerely,

  
William J. Casey,  
President, Veterans of the OSS

P.S. Formal invitations and reservation forms are following. Meanwhile, drop me a note to let me know if you can come, whether you'll bring a spouse or anyone else, whether you want to organize a table, whether there's anyone special you'd like to be seated with, etc. I can be reached

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